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Talbot County Free Library Highlights Library Card Sign-up Month, joins forces with Talbot Goes Purple

(EASTON Tuesday, September 5, 2023) —September is finally here and the Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) invites you to participate in Library Card Sign-up Month.

To honor this important month, TCFL is giving new patrons, and patrons that request a replacement card, purple library cards. There will not be a charge this month for replacements, and we will also be giving book bucks to all new patrons. The book buck can be used for one book from the book sale at the library.

September is also Talbot Goes Purple Month, a substance abuse awareness program that engages our community and youth to stand against substance abuse. TCFL Director Dana Newman said it was important for the library to honor both important missions.

“During this month, the Easton Library will also have an Opioid Awareness display up in the teen area with Project Purple items that patrons can take,” said Newman. “At the library, we believe it is crucial to raise awareness about literacy and standing up against substance abuse.”

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country, unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff will assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, virtual homework help, technology workshops to the expertise of librarians, TCFL will make sure that children receive everything they need to have a good school year.

"A library card is free and gives our patrons access to not only books but many eResources that allow you to learn a language, take an online course, get help from a tutor, get a resume reviewed, take a practice test, read an e-book, learn about a new craft or hobby, and much more," Newman said. "If you are a teacher or a homeschooling parent, you can also get a teacher's card which allows you to check out books to keep in a classroom library for your students or child."

A library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available. For more information, visit www.tcfl.org.

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About Talbot County Free Library

It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St.; and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, and digital devices, as well as free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. Many of the Talbot County Free Library's programs are made possible by the generous support of the local community. For more information, please visit www.tcfl.org. Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.